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Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009

Second report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009 (A/64/344). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, the additional expenditure requirements arising as a result of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive session are estimated at $19,100 under the regular budget, all of which could be absorbed within the resources provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Requirements of $167,800 for the biennium 2010-2011 are also proposed to be accommodated within the provisions under the proposed programme budget. As noted in paragraph 25 of the report, additional extrabudgetary resources would be sought for the implementation of a number of the activities.

3. The requirements resulting from the adoption of Economic and Social Council decision 2009/251 are related to: (a) the establishment of a standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; and (b) the holding of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on an annual basis starting in 2010.

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4. As indicated in paragraph 13 and in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, an amount of $19,100 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 as a result of the adoption of Council decision 2009/251. The additional resources would provide for conference servicing of the working group, for a total of two one-day meetings in 2009, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

5. For the biennium 2010-2011, adoption of Council decision 2009/251 would give rise to requirements of $125,600 under section 2 of the proposed programme budget to provide for conference servicing of the working group for a total of four two-day meetings, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations; and $30,000 under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, for the travel of representatives to the reconvened sessions.

6. In connection with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/4, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Council in July 2010, an estimated amount of $12,200 would be required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2010-2011 for a consultation mission to Haiti in April 2010. This amount would cover travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for four members of the Advisory Group and for meeting support service requirements in Port-au-Prince.

7. **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the course of action proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 26 and 27 of his report.**